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	3.	When Grotewohl is in his office, the entercom is occupied by the SSD major, who checks each visitor and frequently receives SSD couriers. Poth he and the courier speak in low voices, creating the impression to all present, including possible visitors, that they are the subject of conversation.								
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